

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A kit for building a kayak, the kit comprising:  
a pair of gunwales, wherein each of the pair of gunwales comprises a plurality of mortise holes;  
a keel;  
a plurality of stringers;  
a plurality of deck beams;  
a plurality of ribs;  
a first and a second breast hook; and  
a first and a second stem.
2. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising a skin.
3. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising a seat.
4. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising assembly directions.

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5. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, wherein the plurality of stringers comprise:

a plurality of hull stringers;

a stern deck stringer; and

a bow deck stringer.

6. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising a spacer.

7. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of floor boards.

8. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising assembly materials.

Claim 9 (Canceled)

10. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of ribs comprises a bend.

11. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising a paddle.

12. (Original) The kayak kit of claim 1, further comprising a personal flotation device.

Claim 13 (Canceled)

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14. (Currently amended) A method of building a kayak frame, the method comprising:

attaching a bow end of a first gunwale and a bow end of a second gunwale to a bow breast hook;

attaching a stern end of the first gunwale and a stern end of the second gunwale to a stern breast hook;

temporarily attaching a spacer between the first gunwale and the second gunwale at an approximate center of the first and second gunwales;

attaching a first deck beam to the first gunwale and the second gunwale on a first side of a center of the first gunwale and the second gunwale;

attaching a second deck beam to the first gunwale and the second gunwale on a second side of the center;

attaching a plurality of ribs to the first gunwale and the second gunwale; and

attaching a plurality of stringers to the plurality of ribs.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising attaching a plurality of floor boards to a cockpit area of the kayak.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising attaching a skin to the kayak frame.

17. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

attaching a bow stem to the bow breast hook; and

attaching a stern stem to the stern breast hook.

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**Claims 18-20 (Canceled)**

**21. (New) A kit for building a kayak, the kit comprising:**

a set of materials for a plurality of kayak components for the kayak, wherein the plurality of kayak components includes a pair of gunwales, a keel, a plurality of stringers, a plurality of deck beams, a plurality of ribs, a first breast hook, a second breast hook, a first stem and a second stem, and wherein the set of materials includes at least one board from which at least one of the plurality of kayak components can be cut; and

a set of templates, wherein each template in the set of templates can be used to form at least one of the plurality of kayak components.

**22. (New) The kayak kit of claim 21, wherein the set of materials further includes at least one of the plurality of kayak components in a preformed state.**

**23. (New) The kayak kit of claim 21, further including assembly instructions.**

**24. (New) The kayak kit of claim 23, wherein the assembly instructions include instructions on forming at least one of the plurality of kayak components.**

**25. (New) The kayak kit of claim 21, further comprising a skin.**

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